

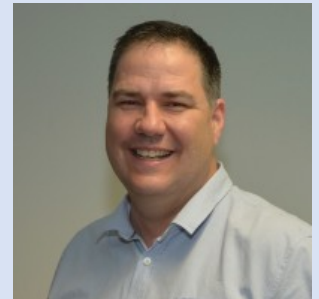


President's Address

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It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new President of PWI Queensland. I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing President, Robin Stevens, for his ongoing dedication and contribution to the organisation. Robin's efforts have helped build a strong and engaged community, and I am honoured to have the opportunity to continue that work and grateful for the support Robin still provides to me.

I am excited for the opportunities and challenges ahead as we continue to support the rail industry across Queensland. Since stepping into the role, the committee has already hit the ground running, delivering several well-attended technical presentations and continuing to provide valuable opportunities for members to connect, learn, and share knowledge.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting program of events planned for the remainder of the year. Our technical presentation series will continue to showcase major projects, emerging technologies, and lessons learned from across the industry. We are also planning our next study tour, which promises to combine technical insight with the networking and camaraderie that have become hallmarks of PWI Queensland events.

Of course, one of the highlights of the year will be our annual Golf Day at Wolston Park. This event continues to be one of the most popular on our calendar and provides a fantastic opportunity for members, sponsors, and industry colleagues to come together in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank our members and sponsors for their ongoing support. Your involvement is what makes PWI Queensland such a vibrant and successful organisation. I encourage you to stay engaged, attend our upcoming events, and help us continue to grow and strengthen our rail industry community.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming events and working together to make the remainder of the year a great success.

Alex Pugh

PWI President



Annual General Meeting

The PWI Qld Annual General Meeting was held on 26 March, bringing together members and industry professionals for an evening of reflection, recognition, and connection.

This year we were fortunate to be joined by Dave Smale (Executive General Manager – SEQ Assets, Queensland Rail) as our guest speaker. Dave’s presentation on “A life between the rails” and his passion for the rail transportation industry in Queensland and around the world was both informative and engaging, providing valuable insights into one of Queensland’s most experienced railway leaders.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of our annual PWI Qld awards, recognising outstanding contributions within the rail industry:

Rail Industry Step Forward Award – Track and Mechanical Design Team (Queensland Rail)

Recognises an individual, group, or company that has implemented an impactful, sustainable innovation—such as a new idea, process, or technology—that materially improves safety, reliability, capacity, or service levels in Queensland’s permanent-way rail sector within the past year.



Plasser Australia Women in Rail Award – Sarah Evans (AECOM)

Highlights exceptional women across Queensland’s rail industry—regardless of role—who demonstrate innovation, excellence, and dedication.





Rail Welders Award – Queensland Rail Infrastructure Renewals

Awarded to a Queensland-based track welding gang that achieves the lowest defect weld rate over a minimum of 300 welds in the past year. The award recognises challenging and high-quality welding performance, with defect rates assessed precisely.



Service to the Rail Industry Award – John Davey

Celebrates a long-serving (25 + years), dedicated rail industry professional—who is a PWI Qld (or affiliated RTSA, RTAA, IRSE) member for their technical excellence, leadership, commitment to safety, sustainability efforts, mentorship, and broader community contribution



Congratulations to all nominees and award recipients. Your innovation, commitment, and dedication continue to drive the industry forward.

Two PWI Queensland members were also presented with the National PWI Fellowship. Congratulations to:

- David Smale
- Cyril Chang



The AGM also saw the election of the new PWI Qld Committee. We extend our sincere thanks to the outgoing committee members for their service and welcome the incoming committee, who bring fresh energy and ideas to guide us through the year ahead.



Technical Events

Our recent technical events have been a great success, bringing together industry professionals to share knowledge, discuss innovations, and tackle key challenges in rail infrastructure. From insightful presentations to engaging discussions, these sessions have provided valuable learning and networking opportunities for all who attended. A big thank you to our speakers and attendees for their contribution, we look forward to continuing these important conversations at our upcoming events.

Previous 2026 technical events have included:

Date	Technical Presentation
April 2026	Mr Lee Craigen, Senior Associate, Ingenium Track Stability during Major Project Construction
June 2026	Mr Robin Stevens, Manager Track and Alignment Design, Queensland Rail Design, Manufacture and installation of a Scissors Crossover, Challenges and Lesson Learnt

Upcoming Events

Please find below, confirmed and upcoming events for your diary. Please remember PWI events require members and guest participation to keep these events continuing:

Date	Type	Event
22 July	PWI Technical Event	WSP Technical Presentation
19 August	PWI Technical Event	SMEC – Technical Presentation
29-30 August	Social	PWI Rail Study Tour (Northern Rivers)
16 September	PWI Technical Event	Martinus – Loganlea Station
17 September	RECK: Online	Signalling Electrical and Rolling Stock
16 October	Conference (PWI NSW)	PWI Annual Convention – Sydney (NSW)
25 October	Social	PWI Golf Day – Wolston Park
18 November	PWI Technical Event	QTMP – Technical Presentation
23-25 November	Conference (ARA)	AusRail Plus (Brisbane)
TBC	Social	Technical Society Christmas Function

Social Events

Golf Day

We're excited to announce that the annual PWI Qld Golf Day will be held on Sunday, 25 October at Wolston Park Golf Club. Always a favourite on the calendar, this event is a fantastic opportunity to relax, catch up with colleagues, and enjoy some friendly competition out on the course.



Start getting your teams together and keep an eye out for the official flyer with full event details and registration information coming soon.

Study Tour

Following the success of previous study tours, we are pleased to invite members and guests to join us for the 2026 Northern Rivers Region Rail Study Tour, taking place on 29–30 August 2026. This two-day tour combines rail heritage, local attractions, and plenty of opportunities to socialise with fellow industry professionals.

Highlights include a visit to the Casino Miniature Railway & Museum, along with stops in Eltham, Byron Bay and Ballina. The itinerary also features wine tasting at Jilly Wine Co, visits to Common People Brewing Co, Seven Mile Brewing Co, and Cape Byron Distillery, before concluding with a Sunday lunch at Stone & Wood Brewery. Members can also look forward to an overnight stay at the Byron Ballina Resort and the ever-popular PWI Qld Trivia and Quiz Night.

Places are limited, so we encourage members to secure their spot early. We look forward to another memorable weekend of rail, networking, food, and refreshments with fellow PWI members and guests.





Rail Engineering Community of Knowledge

We are thrilled to announce the introduction of the PWI Rail Engineering Community of Knowledge (RECK). Sessions are inclusive and open to everyone in the railway community, so if you're interested in infrastructure, be sure to join us. These sessions are a unique opportunity to delve into the intricacies of infrastructure projects and setting the stage for continuous learning and professional growth.

RECK sessions will be held online every two months on Teams, so keep an eye on your emails and the PWI calendar.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We're excited to offer sponsorship opportunities for companies and individuals looking to support the Permanent Way Institution (PWI) and our upcoming social events. Sponsorship is a fantastic way to showcase your brand, engage with industry professionals, and contribute to the continued success of our technical and networking gatherings. If you're interested in getting involved or would like more details, please email Tony Dunn at anthony.dunn@smec.com

Membership

A big thank you to all our members—your support is what keeps the PWI running! We couldn't do it without you. If you haven't already, please ensure your membership is up to date. And if you know someone who would be interested in joining, please refer them to [our website](#) or encourage them to get in touch with our committee. We appreciate your continued support!

Call for Presenters

We are always looking for passionate and knowledgeable speakers to present at our upcoming technical events. If you have insights, projects, or innovations to share with the PWI, we'd love to hear from you. Presenting is a great opportunity to showcase your expertise, spark discussions, and contribute to professional development within the industry.

PWI also offers Learn & Lunch (L&L) presentation opportunities that are shared nationally across our network. These sessions are a great platform to showcase your projects, research, or innovations to a wider rail industry audience.

If you have a topic you'd like to present or suggest, we encourage you to get in touch. It's a valuable way to contribute to professional development and promote knowledge sharing across the sector. If you're interested or know someone who would be a great fit, please reach out to our committee.

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On behalf of the PWI Committee, we wish to thank our sponsors for continual support of our organisational activities. It is with them; we can ensure longevity of a professional organisation with members as engaging and diverse as that of PWI QLD.

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If you have any interesting news or events that may be of interest to the PWI Qld Chapter, please forward to myself for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Thanks

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